

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 13**  
**INCIDENT NO. 95-04**  
**DATE: May 19, 1995      TIME: 1:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: 1995 Spring Flood.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: On May 2, 1995, a Moorhead, Minnesota woman died in Sargent County when her vehicle left the road and rolled over into a slough. On May 13, a LaMoure County man drowned in flood waters after leaving his vehicle which became stuck on a muddy road.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake on May 19, 1995 is 1434.89 feet msl.

County officials throughout the 29 counties which are experiencing flooding are continuing to report damages resulting from overland flooding and high water tables. Damages are to transportation systems (roads, streets, and railroad beds), flooded farmland, municipal and private sewage systems, water wells, and basement flooding.

Since the federal, state, and local preliminary damage assessment for individual and family assistance, on April 26, 1995, additional rainfall and rising water levels of Devils Lake have caused state and local officials to re-evaluate the extent of individual and family losses. The goal is to conduct the second individual and family assistance preliminary damage assessment the week of May 22, 1995.

Benson, Logan and McIntosh County officials are reporting isolation of rural families due to flooded and damaged roads. (Benson=7 families isolated, Logan=1 isolated, 5 difficulty, McIntosh=3 difficulty)

Since the flooding began, officials reported 15 municipalities have had problems with their sewage systems and/or lift stations. Included are Cogswell, Dawson, Forman, Hurdsfield, Jamestown, Kulm, Lakota, Langdon, Minnewaukan, Petersburg, Pingree, Tappen, Tolna, Valley City, and Wimbledon. Barnes County officials report the city of Wimbledon had problems with their sewage system causing sewage to back up in 65 of their 130 homes. In addition, problems with individual septic tanks have been reported by officials from Fort

Totten, Nelson County, the Peace Gardens, City of Pingree, Ramsey County, and Steele County.

The McVile Refuge in Nelson County has flooded over a mile of land. A primary residence was flooded, the basement was filled with over seven feet of water. The residents of the flooded home are isolated.

Nelson County officials are reporting livestock producers are having problems with flooded pastures, inaccessible hay supplies, and flooded haylands.

Spring planting remains about three weeks behind average. The May 14, 1995 North Dakota Crop Report reported surplus topsoil moisture in 50% of the state and surplus subsoil moisture in 40% of the state.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous report.

STATE: The ND Army National Guard has 25 personnel, 2 dozers, 14 trucks, 2 loaders, 2 graders, and 1 maintenance truck committed to the Minnewaukan sewage lagoon project. The National Guard officials are contracting additional haulers to transport fill dirt.

FEDERAL: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is assisting Logan County officials in water pumping operations.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: It has been reported by officials in Logan County that farmers are assisting the county road department in making emergency road repairs.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Many county emergency managers are establishing liaison with municipal and township governments to facilitate the reporting process in identifying the number of flood damaged homes. Liaison with municipal governments is also helping identify flood problems of the cities.

County officials are activating their local emergency operations plans and many county agencies are concentrating their efforts on the flood disaster.

Emergency or Disaster Declarations have been issued by 32 County Commissions, five City Commissions, and two Indian Tribes. The latest County Commissions to declare an emergency or disaster are Burleigh, McLean, and Traill. The City Commissions of Cogswell in Sargent County and Devils Lake in Ramsey County issued Emergency Declarations.

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials have selected Jamestown as the site of the Disaster Field Office. A satellite office will be established in Devils Lake.

The Ramsey County Rural Sewer System???? is raising their endangered lift stations.

ND Game and Fish has completed the extension of the boat ramp on North Six Mile Bay on Devils Lake.

ND Parks and Recreation is completing the boat ramp at Grahams Island of Devils Lake.

ND Dot is raising the grades on ND Highway 19 at Six Mile Bay and Mauvais Coulee, Highway 20 at Acorn Ridge and the Narrows. On ND Highway 57, ND DOT is taking steps to prevent erosion of the roadway.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is providing technical assistance to the Ramsey County Rural Sewer System????
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The Ward County Commission has chosen not to be included in the latest initial damage assessment.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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State Director